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## **I-17 overnight restrictions in North Valley**

**Work to make significant improvements along Interstate 17 in the North Valley will require overnight closures at the Carefree Highway interchange next week.**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) says **I-17 will be closed in both directions at Carefree Highway from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday nights** (Oct. 14-17) while crews set girders for a wider bridge that will be able to handle increased traffic in the area.

I-17 traffic will use the off- and on-ramps at Carefree Highway as detour routes during the overnight restrictions.

Meanwhile, **I-17 will be closed at times at Dixileta Drive from 10 p.m. Thursday to 5 a.m. Friday** (Oct. 12). I-17 will be closed for approximately 15 minutes at a time while crews to set bridge girders for the new Dixileta Drive bridge over the freeway. I-17 will be reopened temporarily after each of seven girders is placed, until the work is completed. No detour is planned for the temporary closures at Dixileta Drive.

ADOT recommends drivers plan ahead and allow extra travel time to get to their destination.

The I-17 Improvement Project includes the addition of new travel lanes between Loop 101 and Carefree Highway, new interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive and a reconstructed traffic interchange for the Carefree Highway. The projects are elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley over the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at [www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways](http://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways).

For information about I-17 construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at (602) 712-7176 or [bbarnhart@azdot.gov](mailto:bbarnhart@azdot.gov). For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at (480) 890-3055 or [projectupdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:projectupdate@lewin-associates.com). For more information about improvements to Interstate 17, or other Valley freeway corridors, visit [www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways](http://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways).

For a complete listing of freeway and highway restrictions across Arizona visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com) or call 5-1-1.

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